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In re patent application of:

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APPARATUS AND METHOD TO MONITOR)
THE USAGE OF A NETWORK SYSTEM OF)
PERSONAL HAND SANITIZING DISPENSERS)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 17 July 2004, please consider the following.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In the final rejection dated 06/17/2004, claims 1-17, 53, 55, 56, and 69 were rejected.

Claims 48-52 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 54, 57-68, 70, and 71 were objected to but indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To place this application in condition for allowance, please cancel claims 1-17, 48-52, 53, 55, 56, and 69 without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application or applications. Also please amend claims 54, 57-68, 70, and 71 as presented in the following listing. This listing identifies the claims which are now cancelled, and presents the claims which are now allowable in their original or amended form.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application with the above-requested amendments, are requested.